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As the below named Inventors, WE hereby declare that our residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; WE believe WE are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the Invention entitled: TWO-STEP GC ETCH FOR GC PROFILE AND PROCESS WINDOW IMPROVEMENT the specification of which  $\boxtimes$  is attached and/or  $\square$  was filed on [Date] as United States Application No. [Text] or PCT International Application No. [Text] and was amended on [Text] (if applicable).

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